

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 43, 44 and 46.

Please amend claim 27 as shown on the attached sheets.

A listing of the claims currently pending in the application is provided at pages 3-8 of this response.

1. (Original) A floating barrier unit, comprising:

a housing having a hollow interior, said housing being formed with opposed end walls and at least one opening;

a reinforcing member extending through said hollow interior of said housing between said opposed end walls;

a mounting post having an outer portion and an inner portion, said inner portion of said mounting post being inserted through said opening in said housing into engagement with said reinforcing member, said outer portion of said mounting post being adapted to mount at least one accessory item; and

a ballast weight connected to said housing, said ballast weight being effective to maintain said outer portion of said mounting post out of the water when said housing is placed in the water.

2. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 1 in which said housing is formed in the shape of a highway barrier having a top wall, a bottom wall and opposed side walls interconnected with said opposed end walls to form said hollow interior.

3. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 1 in which said hollow interior is at least partially filled with a foam material.

4. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 3 in which said foam material encases said reinforcing member and said at least one mounting post.

5. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 1 in which said ballast weight is located within said hollow interior of said housing.

6. (Canceled),

7. (Original) A floating barrier unit, comprising:  
a housing having a hollow interior, said housing being formed with opposed end walls and at least one opening;  
a reinforcing member extending through said hollow interior of said housing between said opposed end walls;  
a mounting post having an outer portion and an inner portion, said inner portion of said mounting post being inserted through said opening in said housing into engagement with said reinforcing member, said outer portion of said mounting post being adapted to mount at least one accessory item;  
a ballast weight connected to said housing, said ballast weight being effective to maintain said outer portion of said mounting post out of the water when said housing is placed in the water; and  
a connector secured at a first end to said mounting post and at a second end to said ballast weight.

8. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 7 in which said connector is an all-thread rod, said lower portion of said mounting post having a lowermost end which mounts a nut, said first end of said all-thread rod being received within said nut of said mounting post.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The floating barrier unit of claim [[9]] 8 in which said ballast weight is a slab of concrete.

11. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 8 in which a nut is secured to said reinforcing member, said all-thread rod being received by said nut to connect said all-thread rod to said reinforcing member.

12. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 7 in which said ballast weight is a layer of concrete located within said hollow interior of said housing, said second end of said connector being embedded within said layer of concrete.

13. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 7 in which said hollow interior is at least partially filled with a foam material.

14. (Original) The floating barrier unit of claim 13 in which said foam material encases said reinforcing member and said at least one mounting post.

15. (Original) A floating barrier wall, comprising:  
number of individual floating barrier units arranged end-to-end, each of said barrier units including:

- (i) a housing having a hollow interior, said housing being formed with opposed end walls and at least one opening;
  - (ii) a reinforcing member extending through said hollow interior of said housing between said opposed end walls;
  - (iii) a mounting post having an outer portion and an inner portion, said inner portion of said mounting post being inserted through said opening in said housing into engagement with said reinforcing member, said outer portion of said mounting post being adapted to mount at least one accessory item; and
  - (iv) a ballast weight connected to said housing, said ballast weight being effective to maintain said outer portion of said mounting post out of the water when said housing is placed in the water;
- a coupling device extending between said reinforcing members of adjacent barrier units which connects said floating barrier units end-to-end.

Claims 16-18 (Canceled).

19. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 15 in which said housing of each of said floating barrier units is formed in the shape of a highway barrier having a top wall, a bottom wall and opposed side walls interconnected with said opposed end walls to form said hollow interior.

20. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 15 in which said hollow interior of each of said floating barrier units is at least partially filled with a foam material.

21. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 20 in which said foam material encases said reinforcing member and said at least one mounting post of each of said floating barrier units.

22. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 15 in which said ballast weight of each of said floating barrier units is located within said hollow interior of said housing thereof.

23. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 15 further including a connector secured at a first end to said mounting post and at a second end to said ballast weight of each of said floating barrier units.

24. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 23 in which said connector is an all-thread rod, said inner portion of said mounting post having a lowermost end which mounts a nut, said first end of said all-thread rod being received within said nut of said mounting post.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Amended) The floating barrier wall of claim 23 in which said ballast weight is a slab of concrete.

27. (Currently Amended) The floating barrier wall of claim 24 in which a second nut

is secured to said reinforcing member, said all-thread rod being received by said ~~[[third]]~~ second nut to interconnect said all-thread rod with said reinforcing member.

28. (Original) The floating barrier wall of claim 23 in which said ballast weight is a layer of concrete located within said hollow interior of said housing of each of said floating barrier units, said second end of said connector being embedded within said layer of concrete.

Claims 29-50 (Canceled).